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To: State Homeland Security Grants Local Points of Contact

From: John J. Barthelmes, Commissioner 

Re: Announcement of FFY 2012 Competitive Local Grant Application Period

I am pleased to announce the availability of the Federal FY 2012 Homeland Security Grant issued by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). The national and State allocation for these grants has been greatly reduced. NH has been awarded: \$2,801,316. It is the desire of Governor Lynch and the 2011/2012 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee, comprised of members from the local law enforcement, fire service, EMS communities, and key State agencies, to allocate grants in strict alignment with evolving grant guidance to insure investments are eligible and most beneficial to the goals of the program as well as the NH grantees. The program will now focus on: Presidential Policy Directive 8: National Preparedness (PPD-8), signed on March 30, 2011, which describes the Nation's approach to preparing for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. National preparedness is the shared responsibility of our whole community.

There has been a shift at the Federal level which will require grantees to have more in-depth knowledge of their threats and risks and will require more equipment typing, measurement, and reporting of equipment by capability. The objective of PPD-8 is to facilitate an integrated, all-of-Nation, risk informed, capabilities-based approach to preparedness. Using the core capabilities, we achieve the NPG by meeting the focus of the 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program:

- Preventing, avoiding, or stopping a threatened or an actual act of terrorism.
- Protecting our citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards in a manner that allows our interests, aspirations, and way of life to thrive.
- Mitigating the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters.
- Responding quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident.
- Recovering through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening, and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident.
- THIRA-Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment. (see link on <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/index.html>)

Membership of the 2011/2012 Grant Review Committee and grant allocation plan can be accessed at our website: <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/homelandgrants.html>. **General Competitive Grant applications will be due January 31, 2013.** Separate Grant applications and time lines for established local HazMat team funding will be forthcoming. Training and Exercise funds are *currently* available to the locals for eligible activities. Contact information and more extensive grant application information, for all of these opportunities, is available at: <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/homelandgrants.html>

We look forward to assisting you with the 2012 Homeland grant process. An updated detailed list of "Frequently Asked Questions" will soon be available at the Grants website <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/homelandgrants.html>. Please contact the Grants Management Unit at 271-7663 for more information, or you can e-mail your questions and comments to homelandgrants@safety.state.nh.us.